

# ***KC DX NEWS***

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## **NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Aug. 26-**

The July meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 26, at 6:00 p.m. at our regular location, the Central Resource Library 9875 W 87th Street in Overland Park KS. The program will be a video of the VP80RK DXpedition to South Orkney. It will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest at Perkins after the KCDXC meeting.

## **ANNUAL KCDXC CARP TOURNAMENT POSTPONED!**

The annual KCDXC Carp Tournament has been postponed according to Head Judges, N0CWR and NX0I. The high water of the Kaw River is still covering the sandbar under the K-7 bridge in Bonner Springs where we traditionally hold our festivities. Even though this is a devastating news, the event will have to be postponed. Watch the newsletter for future announcements concerning the Carp Tourney. Save your stink bait!

## **CROWNE PLAZA ROOMS FOR DAYTON 2020!!**

The KCDXC contract with Crowne Plaza has been completed for 2020! W0ZAP will be accepting your reservations for Hamvention 2020. The cost for rooms for 2020 will remain the same as in the past at \$149 for a standard block of three nights over Hamvention weekend starting on Thursday, May 16, with check out on Sunday morning, May 19. Double rooms are available for club members with roommates or singles for one bed rooms. Contact W0ZAP at [rickp098@gmail.com](mailto:rickp098@gmail.com) to make your room reservation for Hamvention 2020. As in the past we must prepay the first night's stay prior to the end of March 2020.

## **DXCC CARD CHECKING AT KCDXC MEETING**

ACOA and AB0X are available for DXCC & WAS card checking services at most KCDXC meetings. Please remember to load your cards into the DXCC system on the ARRL web page prior to the meeting and print out the forms for checking. The cost is less and checking is easier for the checkers. Remember to bring Stamped and addressed envelopes with the forms for the checkers. Contact the checkers if you have large quantities of cards to be checked prior to the meeting: [freeland66215@sbcglobal.net](mailto:freeland66215@sbcglobal.net) or [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com).

## KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
AB0X	357	353	349	230		223	23	2356
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	329	318	110		2627
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
N0CWR	349	348	349	312	860	179	35	2816
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
K3PA	350	348	345	319		169	36	2701
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2312
KB0X	336							
K0AP	333	331	325	295		47	5	2353
W0QQ	333	218	331	166	151	42		1584
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1165
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1852
K0XM	305	248	221	20	26	87		936
AC0C	302	292	233	220		87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	248	216	193	14				888
W0DR	225	188	174	5		5	7	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
W0ZAP	103	31	72	54		1	3	218
KR0CK	63	17	56			1	1	102

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Total are with deletions.  
 NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com) . Please only one update a month.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KANSAS DX & POETRY SOCIETY

By WD0SRI

The annual meeting of the Kansas DX & Poetry Society was held in Paola, KS, at the Chip Kickers Bar and Grill on Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was kicked off by toasting the mentor of the KDX&PS, Rod Newkirk, W9BRD, late of the ARRL and QST fame. The clinking of the raised beer mugs drowned out the Dwight Yoakam classic "Guitars, Cadillacs, and Hillbilly Music" blaring on the juke box. Even though the KDX&PS had reserved the Party room at the bar, the crowd was so large it spilled over into the main room of Chip Kickers Bar. It was obvious that it was going to be a KDX&PS meeting that would go down in history.

The president of the KDX&PS, N0AG, toned the crowd down a little so he could speak. A few items of business were discussed by Tom, such as the No Bail Money Policy of the society and the group rules about throwing 807 cans and bottles at participants in the world famous KDX&PS Limerick Contest, the real reason most were there.

N0AG led the members in a moment of silence for Rod, followed by reading one of W9BRD's classic limericks that had been published in the How's DX Column of the past.

Tom read started the Limerick Contest by reading a few classic verses from our mentor Rod Newkirk. "Old Crud Boy McGee" brought the crowd to their feet. Many old timers stood with heads bowed and Yaesu caps over their hearts in tribute to the master of rhyme, W9BRD.

One older member of the KDX&PS said loudly "They don't make Dxers and poets like Rod anymore!"

Another oldtimer said "Yeah! Rod was the main source of DX news for years in the How's DX column, but oh, the man had a way with words!"

Unfortunately, a few of the younger members belched loudly at this point, in disrespect. An Honor Roll member said "Surely they must have matriculated at M.U.!" Nevertheless, the President started the competition by asking 13 time winner of the annual Limerick Contest, your Editor, AB0X, to stand and recite a classic that had won the event back in 1989.

He began just as he does on 20 meters by whistling into the microphone and saying "hola" a few times to get their attention. Then a pearl spewed forth...

*"The contester from East Dubuque,  
Received great personal rebuke!  
He called out of turn,  
And was often spurned,  
But was mostly told "You are a dupe!"*

Some of the KCDXC boys clapped loudly and slapped each other on the back in tribute to this Golden Oldie from their Editor-in-Chief. Others just belched loudly while some lifted their legs and added great quantities of Methane to the atmosphere.

One Dixer said "Aw, they are just making UHFers, don't pay any attention to them!" Yet, the competitors this evening knew they had a real challenge ahead as no one had beaten the old gray haired Editor in years.

N0AG opened the competition. Tom declared "Gentlemen, Start your Limericks!"

The first poet Dixer, who looked a lot like K0VBU, came to the mike and rather shyly recited a verse on Dxpeditons:

*"Don't you love those traffic cops,  
On a new one they do plop.  
Giving smart retorts,  
Coverin' my reports,  
Their helpfulness needs to stop!"*

The sound of 807 cans opening in unison was heard all around the room in recognition to the excellent limerick. It was a good one but not a winner. The Official Applause &

Belch Meter just moved slightly to the right. But, there were several more to present their poetry. The next contestant who made his way to the stage looked a lot like K0AP, Dragan. His topic was a comment on his new 160 Meter band interest. He began quietly:

*“Low band noise was really bad!  
It made him desperately sad.  
Power Lines did Leak,  
On Topband it peaked,  
And drove him utterly mad!”*

A couple of VHF and Novice/Tech guys had puzzled looks on their faces, but the 160 Meter guys, Real Men, understood and cheered loudly. Some 2 meter FM guys even stood and threw 807 bottles at the stage. The Sgt. Of Arms, W0XE, quickly restored order.

Finally the crowd settled down and the next contestant came up. He wore a red flannel shirt and looked Peculiar. Some said he wore his shirt in memory of Johnny Marshall, but most knew him as an almost Harrisonville man. K0XM yelled at the old poet from the crowd, “K0 Limp Wienie,” and it looked like this ham had a few sunspots cycles under his belt. He recited:

*“Old timer Harley McGee,  
Worked the last one with glee!  
Well, I guess I’m done,  
It has been great fun,  
Now what’ll happen to me???”*

The over 65+ crowd, who was a strong contingent, whistled and stomped in response to the verse.

“Yeah!” one old timer said. “We need some new countries to work!” and “OH2BH should find a new island!” The younger crowd only shook their heads in pity.

Yet, the majority of KDX&PS is made up of middle aged Dxers, so they could empathize with the emotions of both.

Finally the pops stopped popping and everyone sat down again for the next contestant, who was from the same retired groups of Dxers and looked a lot like N0CWR. He began slowly:

*“Don’t like this new D-S-P!  
Old timer Kevin decreed.  
It seems like a must,  
But hard to adjust,  
Can somebody please help me!”*

The Social Security crowd stomped and slapped backs loudly in agreement! One old timer said loudly “DSP stands for Dumb, Stupid Product! At least my old rig’s Noise Blanker worked! ” Even a few of the middle aged boys chimed in with the crowd. The applause was good but it wasn’t quite a winner according to the official KDXP&S Applause and Belch Meter.

The next contestant in the Limerick Contest was another QCWA member Poet. His bald head was evident as a shine reflected off his head from the lights. One Dxer said loudly “He’s either an old fart or he has a Godzilla Amp at home.”

This reminded the crowd of the Godzilla Amp disclaimer in most amplifier ads and caused the crowd to laugh loudly and point fingers at each other.

The contestant waited for the din to die down before he began his verse:

*“The old DXer named Jake,  
Loved his boat anchors named Drake  
The C Line was grand,  
But required some fans,  
Or else he’d have Shake N’ Bake.”*

"Yeah!" old tube man, NX0I yelled, "Real radios still glow in the dark!". The applause slowly rose to a point that it was obvious that this bit of verse was quite good and was a serious contender for the big silver trophy.

The next contestant who came to the mike snapped to attention and proudly saluted the crowd before he began. It was obvious he had come from a rural area and had a military background or both. He recited:

*"The sad old ham from Wetmore,  
Said "Oh my, the band is poor!  
"No antenna works,"  
Said With a big smurk!  
Guess I'll load up the screen door!"*

The crowd jumped to their feet and the clapping was overwhelming! The old Applause & Belch Meter went to the right like N0XA's watt meter used to do on 160!

The crowd belched in 3 part harmony. It was obvious that it would take a real pearl to win this year's competition. The next contestant rose to the stage. He was a radical DXer and tester who still questioned the ARRL on occasion. With flattop hair in a bright green shirt, he began:

*"Rit Tee man Jeff Blaine,  
Said FT8 is a pain.  
Should be own mode,  
Just like Morse Code,  
And is made for the real vain!"*

The old KDXP&S Applause & Belch Meter was nearly pegged by the response from the crowd. Much bottle clinking and back slapping followed. The next contestant to recite was a white haired gentleman who looked like he had tipped a few at the KCDXC Hospitality Suite in Dayton over the years and probably knew WA0WOF. It was evident that he had brought his own crowd of supporters who could belch and whistle with the best of them! He cleared his throat and began:

*"Old Rick said his hair turned white,  
Because of long contest nights,  
That big tube did buzz,  
See what RF does!  
That Godzilla's got a bite!"*

The crowd exploded like a plate choke in the middle of a pile up! Almost everyone there had had some experience with excessive RF. The whistling, belching and flatulence must have lasted at least a minute. The ovation was so loud that when the Belch & Applause Meter hit the peg it bent the needle!

It was obvious it would take a really good limerick to beat this one! Out of respect, the final contestant was the defending champ, AB0X. As he came to the stage, he waved to his supporters over with the KCDXC group. A few belched loudly and whistled. Others held up a finger to him, surely indicating he was #1. This hand signal made the crowd laugh and stomp even harder! In fact, the manager of the Chip Kickers Bar & Grill looked a little worried that the crowd might tear up the joint. Before he began reciting the old pro pulled out a piece of paper with a verse on it. The crowd looked puzzled and a hush crossed the room:

*"Old 'Stubby Fingers' Powers,  
Climbed lots of tall steel towers.  
He Loved to scale Rohn,  
Other kinds caused groans,  
And crank-ups made him cower!"*

The roar was instant! It appeared that many in the crowd must have heard of “Stubby” sometime in their ham career because the crowd responded with bodacious laughter, applause, whistles, belching and foot stomping! The KDX&PS Applause & Belch Meter stayed pegged for over 2 minutes solid! President of the KSDX&PS, N0AG, handed AB0X the silver trophy for the 14<sup>th</sup> time and quickly ducked as a Bud light bottle from the back sailed up to the stage from the raucous crowd. N0AG then screamed, “Meeting adjourned!”

One old timer, with a tooth pick in his mouth said of AB0X, “Aw, he thinks he’s a limerick great, but a Newkirk he just ain’t!”

This comment fell on deaf ears. As AB0X ran for the door, he said “Such is the life of a Dixer Poet!”

**July 29, 2019**

## **Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes**



Shawnee Public Library 13811 Johnson Dr. Shawnee, KS in Veterans Park

The July, 2019 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President **Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU** at 6:06 pm CDT (July 29, 2019 2306 UTC).

### **Agenda -**

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- DXing and Contesting
- BS7H Scarborough Reef 2007 DXpedition Video by K4UEE
- Closing      Informal Pie Eating and Tall-Tale Telling @ Perkins

### **Introductions -**

We introduced ourselves. Sam Lauber announced his presence. He does not have a call sign assigned as of yet.

### **Commemorations**

#### **K0RWL Larry Wilson SK**

- Past President KC DX Club
- Big Contester
- Began the CW Pileup Contest event
- An imposing figure that did not suffer fools easily

#### **K0IFO Don Reed SK**

- Electronics Designer, Aviator, Ham Radio Operator
- Quiet spoken but when he did speak, spoke with authority and truth
- Highly respected

### **DXing and Contesting**

#### **DXing for August**

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

C5SP Gambia, 8Q7SU Maldives, CY9C Sable Island, VK9APX Lord Howe Is. Holiday Style, T05U St. Pierre, H44?? Solomon Is, 9U3TMU Burundi

#### **Contesting for August**

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

10-10 International, NAQP CW, WAE DX CW

MD QSO Party

NAQP SSB

ARRL Rookie Roundup RTTY

Run For the Bacon

HI QSO Party

Kansas QSO Party August 24, 25



Pony Express Special Event Washington County (Sunday Aug 25 only)  
**BS7H Scarborough Reef DXpedition Video by Bob, K4UEE**

This was another good video produced by Bob of this very challenging DXpedition in 2007. This entity is controversial because of its limited geographical area and political difficulties encountered in activating.

**Announcements** (these weren't made but still apply as far as known by the secretary)  
**Election of Officers** - this is coming up in November. Be ready if you wish to have an office.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- August 26 TBD We will be back at the Main Branch JOCO Library
- September 30 Bob Heil - Heil Sound
- October 28 - Charlie Hett K0THN and Gary Auchard W0MNA will talk about Parasets (WWII clandestine radio replicas) and other projects.

If you want to update your DX status on the web site or in the newsletter contact **Don, W0XE** or Mike, **AB0X**.

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let **Russ, K0VXU** know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.

Charles Hett, **K0THN** KCDX Club Secretary

## **DX NEWS & VIEWS**

**By AB0X**

My Wamego DX friend, N0LID, says the bands are so bad they smell like a wet dog in the middle of August. Translated to JOCO English, (No need to translate for Missouri guys) this means the bands stink real bad! Maybe something good will be on soon and some sunspots will head our way.

**Coming Soon:**

3W, VIETNAM. Yosuke, JJ1DQR, will be active as 3W9QR from Da Nang between October 23rd and November 1st. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using mainly SSB. He will also participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th). QSL via JJ1DQR, by the Bureau or direct.

5H, TANZANIA. Maurizio, IK2GZU, will once again return to the "Mission Ilembula" to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage between September 25th and October 28th. He plans to be active during his sparetime as 5H3MB on various HF bands. Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20/15/10m) fixed on Europe and a vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages at:

<http://www.buffolipm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm>

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND. The CY9C team is now QRT and the OQRS is activated (link is on their Web page). The CY9C team made 25k QSOs. Just a reminder, QSLs are available: ClubLog, LoTW, direct via WA4DAN. PLEASE NOTE: No Bureau or No IRCs. For more details and updates, watch: <http://cy9c.com>

INDEXA NEWS (Summer Newsletter). The Summer 2019 Issue of the INDEXA Newsletter is now available. This issue features the reports on"

- \* The Kanton Island, Central Kiribati T31EU-- "QRV from a scrap heap"
- \* CE0Y/NP4G--A Father and Son DXpedition
- \* Zorro Miyazawa, JH1AJT, chosen Honorary Advisor to Bhutan Olympic Committee
- \* Introducing a new video presentation about INDEXA
- \* A message from INDEXA President Bob Schenck, N200

The newsletter can be downloaded at:

<http://www.indexa.org/documents/newsletters/Newsletter-Issue-126-Summer%202019.pdf>

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Alessandro, IZ1AZA, will be active as OY/IZ1AZA from the Faroe Islands between August 21-26th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

T05, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON (Reminder). Operators Alex/DD5ZZ, Georg/DJ6GI, Martin/DM4IM and Chris/VO1IDX will be active as T05M from Ile aux Marins (NA-032) between August 10-18th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and possibly RTTY and Satellites. The team will use mostly vertical antennas, a Hexbeam for the highbands and beverage receiving antennas for the lowbands. QSL via LoTW and ClubLog. Their Web site is <http://FP2019.net>

PLEASE NOTE: The callsign T05M has been used once before for a Reunion Island operation (QSL via F6CXJ).

V3, BELIZE. James, NT5V, will be active as V31JW from Belize between October 5-12th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Do NOT send cards to the V31 Bureau.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-025. (Update) Operators Valdimir/RV1CC and Yuri/RM0F will be active as RV1CC/0 and RM0F/P, respectively, from Iturup Island between August 15-22nd. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via details on QRZ.com.

AS-200. Operators Take/JI3DST and Masa/JR8YLY will be active as JI3DST/5 and JR8YLY/5 from Shodo Island between September 20-25th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via their home callsigns.

AS-206. Operators Take/JI3DST and Masa/JR8YLY will be active as JI3DST/0 and JR8YLY/0 from Sado Island between September 6-11th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via their home callsigns.

AS-083. Mike, RA1ALA, is hoping to activate Shokalskogo Island (RR-06-05) as RA1ALA/8 sometime around August 20th. Plans are to be on the Arctic research vessel "Kartesh" come August 9th for several days and then take a MI-8 helicopter to the island. It takes special permission to visit this island as it is part of the Gdansk Nature Reserve - the state nature reserve in the Tazovsky District of the Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District. No other details were provided.

EU-052. Michele, IW7EGQ, will be active as SV8/IW7EGQ from Zakynthos (Zante), Greece, between August 20-28th. Also valid for Lighthouse LOTA GRE017. QSL via M00X0's OQRS.

**NA-082/ DX-World.net reports [edited], "A group of operators plan on activating Cat Island (NA-082) as N5C, and Isle Au Pitre (NA-089) as K5P between October 4-6th. The plan is activate both islands simultaneously. The operators include Louis/W5GAI, Mike/AD5A, Dragan/K0AP, Oscar/N5LN, Jose/AD6D, Mike/AB5EB and possibly others. QSL will be via K0AP for both operations.**

NA-176. (Update) Pierre, VE2GT, is planning a one day operation from Île du Havre, and will be active as VE2GT/150 between 1330-1530z (+/- delay of boat) on September 1st. Activity will be on various HF bands; probably on IOTA frequencies. QSL via EA5GL. Track Pierre's progress on APRS at: <https://aprs.fi/#!call=a%2FVE2GT-5&timerange=3600&tail=3600>



NA-187. Rick, K6VVA, is planning to activate White Rock sometime between September 15th and October 15th, but this depends on the weather. There are restrictions involved with this activation - no generators and no gasoline is allowed on White Rock. This means low power battery operation and local daytime only activity for safety reasons. There is no recent history of sea lions on White Rock, but if one is encountered even if sighted on White Rock before landing, everything will be QRT. Look for more details and a Web page to be forthcoming.

OC-171. Steve, VK3TTT, is active as VK3TTT/4 from Magnetic Island during some evenings. The length of his stay is unknown. Activity is on 40-20 meters using FT8 with some SSB and slow CW with 100 watts.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new ([www.iota-world.org](http://www.iota-world.org)) have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

JD1/M, MINAMI TORI SHIMA. Kazu, JD1BNA (ex-JK1FXI), will be active from Marcus Island (OC-073), Minami Tori Shima, between September 25-30th. Activity will be on 160-17 meters using mainly CW, with some SSB and FT8. QSL via JL1UTS, direct only.  
**THANKS OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!!**

*DE W3UR Daily DX Bulletin*

*Bernie sends out this free service to all DXers:*

*"Need a QSL route? Here are some great free sites for you and your friends - [www.dailydx.com/QSLRoutes.html](http://www.dailydx.com/QSLRoutes.html)"*

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